

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114. According to 37 CFR 1.114, if prosecution in an application is closed, an applicant may request continued examination of the application by filing a submission and the fee in § 1.17(e) prior to the earliest of Payment of the issue fee, unless a petition to withdraw from issue under § 1.313 is granted. According to 37 CFR 1.313, a petition to withdraw from issue is not required if a request for continued examination under § 1.114 is filed prior to payment of the issue fee. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reexamine and again to allow this application and issue a new notice of allowance.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Applicant asserts that newly added claims 26 and 27 are patentable over the prior art cited in the present application. Support for the addition of claim 26 can be found on page 4, lines 11 – 14 of the originally filed specification; and support for the addition of claim 27 can be found on page 7, lines 14 – 16 of the originally filed application.

**CONCLUSION**

In light of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

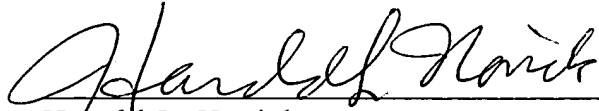
In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicant petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit

any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

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